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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1762**

PATENT
Docket No.HOE96/F318

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fritz Schwertfeger Group Art Unit: 1762
U.S. Serial No.: 09/308,770 Examiner: Kirsten Jolley
Filed: October 28, 1999 Confirmation No.: 6628
For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING ORGANICALLY MODIFIED,
PERMANENTLY HYDROPHOBIC AEROGELS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.